

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the present application in view of the foregoing preliminary amendments.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to the specification does not add any new matter and is only being made for further clarification. The amendment to the claims is made to further claim subject matter of which Applicants believe they are entitled. FIG. 8 of the drawings has been corrected to include reference numeral 410 which was inadvertently omitted from the originally submitted drawings.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-38 are now pending in this application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

The following is a marked up version of the replacement paragraph indicated in the Preliminary Amendment and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Applicants have used the convention underline to indicate added text and [square brackets] to indicate deleted text.

Further, in an exemplary embodiment, statements in the statement library may be associated with grammatical usages of the statement, that is parts of speech and/or grammatical characteristics. For example, statements in the statement library may be assigned parts of speech, that is, for example, noun, verb, adjective, etc. Having such grammatical use associations for each statements eases foreign language translation for the statement library. For example, expert programs need not be rewritten for use with a particular verbal and/or foreign language. The statement library and report generator will be able to carry out the tasks that they are designed for without having extra programs because knowledge of parts of speech is incorporated into the statement library itself. Further, negative adjunctive clauses, that is statements like "no longer present", "not present", "not evident", etc. may be identified to properly assess search results. For example, when performing a retrospective query of a plurality of clinical reports, it may be desirable to search for clinical conditions which are not present. Incorporating negative adjunctive clauses into the statement library allows such searching ability. The negative adjunctive clauses may be used by the search engine to filter out conditions that are not present when searching for the positive.